

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DORETHA A. BAGLIN and DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Baltimore, MD

*Docket No. 99-37; Submitted on the Record;
Issued May 4, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained a recurrence of disability in March 1988 causally related to her January 15, 1987 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the June 17, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 17, 1998 is hereby affirmed.¹

Dated, Washington, D.C.
May 4, 2000

George E. Rivers
Member

David S. Gerson
Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member

¹ As properly pointed out by the hearing representative, appellant's additional claim, *see Barbara A. Weber*, 47 ECAB 163 (1995), that her degenerative joint disease is a consequence of long-term steroid use in connection with another accepted condition, must be adjudicated separately. As the Office has not yet issued its decision with respect to this claim, the Board cannot now consider this issue. 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c).